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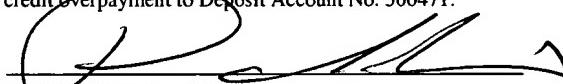
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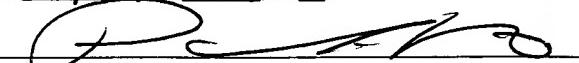
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Dear Sir:

An application for the above-identified patent application was filed on April 23, 2001. A Filing Receipt was received in our office on June 18, 2001, a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers was received in our office on June 18, 2001, and responded to on August 14, 2001, and an Updated Filing Receipt was received in our office on September 28, 2001. We received a response to our Status Inquiry on December 2, 2002, stating the application would be examined in 0 – 3 months. We filed a second Status Inquiry on July 16, 2003, and received a response to our second Status Inquiry on October 24, 2003, stating the Patent Office projects it will be more than 15 months before this application will receive an Office Action. Since then, Applicant has received no further Communication with respect to the above-identified patent application. Kindly inform Applicant as to the status of this application.

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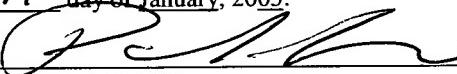
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